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Contemporary Continental Theology
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Monday 12:25 - 2:15
M306

Purpose

1. The intent of this course is to acquaint the student with a select few of the creative makers of contemporary Continental European theology;
2. Class sessions will be spent in trying to understand the central ideas of the assigned readings and their implications for us today;
3. It is hoped the student will be motivated to develop an appreciation for the need and task of theological formulation;
4. It is hoped the student will come to see the viability of the Evangelical and Wesleyan option in theology through this exposure to conflicting theological ideas, especially since a significant process for developing one's own theology involves engagement in creative conflict.

Course Expectations

1. The emphasis will be upon dialog in the class sessions since each student will be encouraged to articulate his\her own understanding and critical assessment of the theological issues. Hence, a careful reading of the assignments is a "must" prior to class sessions;
2. A research paper on a recent Continental European theologian will be required of each student. Students may wish to confirm their choice of a theologian with the professor;
3. There will be no formal tests as such, but each student will be asked to make a presentation in class on one or several of the essays on Moltmann's theology based on the assigned reading contained in *The Asbury Theological Journal*..

Texts

1. Paul Tillich, *A History of Christian Thought* (Part II), (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1972)
2. *A Companion Volume to the Theology of Jürgen Moltmann, The Asbury Theological Journal*, 55.1 (Spring 2000).
3. Wolfhart Pannenberg, *Theology and the Kingdom of God* (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1969), Chapter I, "Theology and the Kingdom of God" and Chapter IV, "Appearance as the Arrival of the Future." (On the Reserve shelf)

Class Schedule

Feb. 7 -- Tillich, pp. 297-366
Feb. 14 -- Tillich, pp. 367-410
Feb. 21 -- Tillich, pp. 410-431
Feb. 28 -- Tillich, pp. 432-476

March 6 -- Tillich, pp. 476-503

March 13 -- Tillich, pp. 504-526

March 20 -- Tillich, pp. 527-541

March 27 -- Pannenberg, *Theology and the Kingdom of God*, pp. 51-71

April 10 -- Pannenberg, *Theology and the Kingdom of God*, pp. 127-142.

April 17 -- Moltmann presentations

April 24 -- Moltmann presentations

May 1 -- Moltmann presentations

May 8 -- Moltmann presentations